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Approved by \_\_\_\_\_  
County Attorney

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**RESOLUTION APPROVING MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION AGREEMENT FOR LOWRANCE ROAD PARK BETWEEN SHELBY COUNTY GOVERNMENT, SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOLS, AND MEMPHIS SOCCER EDUCATION, INC. SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER MIKE CARPENTER.**

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**WHEREAS,** In accordance with the Mayor’s Smart Growth initiative, the focus of the Conservation Board has shifted more from traditional neighborhood parks to linear parks or greenways; and

**WHEREAS,** The Conservation Board has sought to more cost-effectively provide park services by engaging municipalities and/or non-profit organizations to maintain and operate neighborhood parks; and

**WHEREAS,** The Shelby County Conservation Board desires to enter into an agreement for the management, maintenance and operation of the Lowrance Road Park located at 4014 Long Creek Road; and

**WHEREAS,** A Memphis Soccer Education, Inc. was only qualified response to a Request For Proposals issued that requested proposals for operation, maintenance and management of Lowrance Road Park and to coordinate park activities with Shelby County Schools and use of the park by the general public; and

**WHEREAS,** The Shelby County Conservation Board approved the agreement (Exhibit “A”) for the management and operation of Lowrance Road Park in order to provide athletic

programs to the community and to provide for the maintenance, upkeep and overall operational management of the park; and

**WHEREAS**, Memphis Soccer Education, Inc. is a Tennessee not for profit corporation duly qualified as a not for profit organization under Internal Revenue Service regulations as a §501(c)(3); and

**WHEREAS**, The period of award is five (5) years from the date executed by the Shelby County Mayor and may be renewed for three (3) additional five year terms upon mutual consent of all parties; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE**, That the Management and Operation Agreement for Lowrance Road Park between Shelby County Government, Shelby County Schools and Memphis Soccer Education, Inc., is hereby approved.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the County Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary for the completion of this agreement.

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A C Wharton, Jr., County Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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Clerk of County Commission

ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_

## SUMMARY SHEET

### I. Description of Item

In accordance with the Mayor's Smart Growth initiative, the focus of the Conservation Board has shifted from traditional neighborhood parks to linear parks or greenways. As a result, the Conservation Board has coordinated with non-profit organizations to provide for operation and maintenance of park properties. To date, the Board has secured agreements for the following properties with the entities as listed:

Bolton Park	-	Bolton Youth Athletic Association
Floyd Bryan Park	-	Shelby Youth Sports, Inc.

When the RFP for management and operation of Lowrance Road Park was issued, Memphis Soccer Education, Inc. was the only qualified entity that responded. Memphis Soccer Education, Inc. is a Tennessee non-profit corporation that currently maintains a good standing status with the State of Tennessee.

The agreement requires that the park remain open to all residents of Shelby County and that the park be made available for the dedicated use of the Southwind Middle School.

The agreement will require that Memphis Soccer Education, Inc. pay all utilities and related expenses with the operation and maintenance of the park.

### II. Source and Amount of Funding

Not applicable.

### III. Contract Items

Not applicable.

### IV. Additional Information Relevant to Approval of this Item